

FLOYD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS August 12, 2025

County Administration Building

Caucus 4:00 pm Regular Meeting - Suite 206 6:00 pm

CAUCUS

Present: Allison Watters, Rhonda Wallace, Mike Burnes, David Thornton, and Scotty Hancock; County Manager Jamie McCord, County Clerk Lauren Chumbler, County Attorney Chris Jackson, Brice Wood, Greg Dobbins, Bruce Ivey, Ron Swinford, Bob Henderson, Adam Carey, Erin Elrod, John Bailey, Susie Gass, Angela Rubino, and Dianne Graham.

Chair Watters called the Caucus session to order at 4:01 pm

ULDC Update

Brice Wood gave an update on the ULDC changes.

Mr. McCord and Chair Watters began review of the agenda. Mr. McCord asked for item #4 on Consent and item #7 on New Business to be deferred to a later meeting. Mr. Wood went over the six items from the planning commission on for first reading. Mr. McCord and Chair Watters continued review of the agenda.

At 5:35 p.m. Commissioner Hancock motioned to go into executive session to discuss litigation, seconded by Commissioner Wallace. The motion carried 4-0 as Commissioner Thornton had stepped out. The commission exited executive session at 5:53 p.m.

Executive session to discuss property acquisition, litigation, and personnel.

I) CALL TO ORDER

Chair Watters called the public hearing meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

II) PUBLIC HEARING

II.1) FY25 Millage Rate for County M&O.

Mr. McCord went over a brief presentation on the tax assessment and millage rate process.

Chair Watters explained the rules for the public hearing and asked if there was anyone to speak in support. Seeing no one to speak in support, the Commission added ten minutes to those speaking in opposition, for a total of twenty minutes.

Ron Gibson, 188 Pinson Road, Rome; "My name is Ron Gibson. I live at 118 Pinson Road NE. My parents live right next door at 114. They're elderly and cannot be here tonight. Contrary to your slide up there, my parent's property went from 153 to 329 from 2020 to 2024. They're property tax for County has gone from 599 to 900 and it's going up more this year. They can't afford it. We're picking up. We're helping, but it's just wrong and I know you're the smaller portion of the overall property tax bill, but every little straw adds to breaking the camel's back. If we don't take care.. and I know it's a bunch of anecdotes, but if we don't take care of the pennies, the pounds aren't going to take care of.. or the dollars aren't going to take care of themselves. We need vall to do what you have to do to not raise taxes. Everybody is raising taxes on the property owner. I want to know what you're doing to avoid that. Whether it's staff reallocation, budget cuts, staff reduction, service reductions. I'm tired of paying for fun. I don't care. I don't care that we have parks. I really don't. I'm more worried about my property. My house. Where I'm going to live and enough is enough. Stop raising taxes on the property owners. Period. And I've made the same speech to the school system and I'll make it to them again when they raise taxes. It's got to stop. Somewhere we just have to say enough."

Barbara Penson, "My name is Barbara Penson. I live in Floyd County in the west Rome side. I'm going to be all over the chart tonight. I asked questions this morning. Jamie, I believe you were hired as a county commissioner in 2013."

Commissioner Hancock - "County Manager. He's not a commissioner."

Barbara Penson - "Excuse me. County manager. Thank you very much Scotty. I wouldn't want to make a grave error like that. Anyway, I think you were hired by Scotty Hancock, Allison Watters, Rhonda Wallace, Mr. Larry Maxey (deceased), Mr. Wright Bagby. Now I looked that up, I'm pretty certain that's correct. Now Mr. Bagby, before he retired off the board, made a recommendation that all the board members that answer to the commissioners could only serve two term limits. It's time that we do the same thing with you guys. It's time. Two term limits is enough. It's enough. So if we can just get enough people to

line up to run next time, you guys, some of you may have a hard time getting back. That's just my prediction. Okay, so, share a little story with you. I became the clerk of superior court.. was elected in 2008, became the clerk in January 2009. January 2010, I already had a budget. Mr. Joe Johnston didn't ask for nothing, ever. Believe you me. We had chairs that I would've been better off to have flipped a five gallon bucket upside down and let the clerk sit on it. That's what I came into. That's a truth. Okay, but in spite of all that, the economy bottomed out. I was not given a choice. I was in a department meeting and I was told 'you will go back and you will figure out how to cut 8% out of your budget. If you can't do it, we're going to do it for you.' It's time you guys do some of that. It's time you say to every department. Every department. Cut. Cut. Cut. If they don't know what it means, I'll be glad to provide them a Webster's dictionary. We've got to do something different. I look around this room and I believe I observe three clerks here tonight. How many clerks do we have? I know you're not answering questions, but we used to have one county clerk and that person did the job and at the time that clerk's doing the job, you all had in charge of the Forum, you had charge of the parking lots and the parking decks. All of that's gone away now. Seems like you're shuffling duties and responsibilities out, but you're getting more and more personnel. That's the question I asked this morning. Now I want to know how many are working in HR? How many purchasing directors do we have? Jamie, you remember you and I had this conversation when you hired Bill Gilliland. You looked me square in the eye with Vicki Parton as witness and you said 'Mr. Gilliland is only going to work two years, Barbara, get over it. You won the election.' That's what you said. Now, Mr. Gilliland worked almost seven years alongside.. you recruited Randy Self. We had two purchasing directors we were paying for. Now that doesn't make any sense. That's a fact, folks. That happened. That is a fact. Why do we need two purchasing directors? Why didn't you go ahead and usher Mr. Gilliland to the door like you said you were going to do. I have witnesses that that happened. Now, it's time. Just like the other gentleman said. You're going to have to learn how to cut. As I explained to yall this morning, my daughter's evaluation on her house on Lindsay Road in Armuchee, not on Stone Bridge, not at all. It's in a swamp. We learned after she purchased it. It's been nothing but a nightmare. Her taxes or her appraised value went from \$291,00 to \$506,000. How in the name of God is she supposed to pay that. Do you care? Act like it if you do. Show it. I want to see action. I'm tired of words. Thank you."

Cheryl Tucker, West Kenora Drive, Rome; "Good evening. My name is Cheryl Tucker and I live on West Kenora Drive out in west Rome. I'm here tonight to ask that the Floyd County millage rate not be increased. In fact, it should be lowered. Right now citizens are already making sacrifices. Cutting back on daily expenses. Cancelling vacations and so on. Are you guys doing the same thing? And they're doing this just to pay excessive property taxes caused by these inflated assessments. The county should be making those same sacrifices. In my 30 years as a state employee, I've been through tough times. Budgets cut by 3%, by 10%, furloughs, reductions in force. Decisions that I was

responsible for. Agencies always found more ways to make these hard choices. It's time for the county to do the same. Instead of raising taxes to fund the wants, they need to be lowering taxes to fund only what's needed. People want transparency. Roads are crumbling, water lines around the county have needed to be replaced for over 20 years. Patching doesn't work. Yet basic maintenance isn't happening. While millions goes toward extending utilities in hopes industry comes. We haven't seen that lately. And then there's tax payer dollars spent on employee tuition. One example I have seen is \$13,000 for a degree from Michigan State University. That is ridiculous and I strongly oppose that. If property taxes keep climbing, people have no choice but to leave. Those new subdivisions that are being approved, they're not truly affordable housing and high taxes will keep them empty. If this increase is meant to fund across the board pay raises and higher health insurance costs for county employees as mentioned in a previous meeting, remember tax payers aren't usually getting raises and having to live within our means. Our health insurance is going up. Our taxes are going up. Our groceries are going up and yet we have to cut to survive. What about retirees in the county on fixed incomes several have mentioned. They're struggling with sky rocketing insurance, homeowners and medical, as well as monthly struggles with increased house payments due to constantly rising property assessments. Instead of raising taxes, ask every department head to recommend a cut of 5-10% of their budget. Budget cuts are not defunding the police. Then Mr. McCord and commissioners need to decide where to make the cuts from those recommendations and cut them or redirect them to essential services. Tough times require tough choices just like the ones we the citizens of Floyd County are making every day. We, the citizens, have the right to know how our money is being spent and we have the right to hold you accountable. You are public servants elected by the citizens. It's time to put the needs of the citizens first. Thank you."

Shane Cowan, 36 Mountain Chase Road, Rome; "I'm Shane Cowan. I live at 36 Mountain Chase Road. Lifetime resident. Born here. First thing I want to say is the people in the audience here are here because they want needs-based governance. Wants.. the wants have gotta go. It's past time. Our property taxes are almost double what they were right after covid. State sales tax is almost double. Yall got a bumper crop of revenue. A bumper crop. Inflation. National inflation is 11%. We're 50% up. Yall are 50% up on revenue as far as property taxes almost and I don't know the correct... Jamie was supposed to email me. Never got an email on state sales tax, but I'm just guessing. I'm guessing we're at least 50% up on state sales tax as well. You got... where's the money going? I mean, 11% is what inflation is right now. We're 50% up. Where's that other money? It just doesn't make any sense. You guys... you guys have the power to lower the millage rate like I said. All yall gotta do is lower it. You won't tell the people that. It's as simple as that. Lower it. Get rid of the wants and focus on our needs. Thank you."

Cynthia Heaton, 521 N Avery Road, Rome; "Hi, my name is Cynthia Heaton. I'm at 521 N Avery Road. So this year I've really been

compelled to become a lot more involved in my local government. The more I've learned, the more I've realized that it's not only important to know what decisions are being made by our government, but also how they're being made. I recently saw a video from the Rome City Commission in which one of the city commissioners openly admitted that he has absolutely zero oversight or involvement in how budgets are created nor does he have any oversight and involvement in how contracts or what contracts are signed on behalf of the city. So that really raised two questions for me. My question for you guys to answer would be what level of oversight or involvement do you have as commissioners in the budgeting process for each department that we fund with our tax dollars and then second, what level of oversight or involvement in the contracts that are signed by the county? Because as we've heard from everyone here tonight, there's a lot of spending and there's a need to be able to fund the spending, but what are we spending it on? I think he just mentioned that before."

Commissioner Wallace - "I'm sorry, I didn't hear what you said what the second one was?"

Cynthia Heaton - "Contracts. The oversight or involvement in negotiation or whatever in any contracts that are signed on behalf of the county. So I didn't know about the citizen led committees. I came to one of the commission meetings and I believe, Allison you mentioned the different committees that were available for citizens to become involved with and I got kind of excited about that. I wanted to be able to be involved and then I heard multiple people mention how they wish there was some type of DOGE style committee that was here as citizens to really over... you know have some overview into where spending is occurring in all the different branches. So, my question or my recommendation for tonight is I urge you to make a motion to convene a special committee and...led by citizens to do a DOGE style review of any agency, entity, or department that receives any taxpayer funding through our property taxes. Now that goal is very straightforward. This is really just to know exactly where our tax payer dollars are going to ensure they're being used in the most effective and efficient way possible and a citizen led review I think would bring some transparency and strengthen the public trust because I think there's definitely a lack of confidence right now and I think all of us would like to get to a place where there was mutual trust. So if you are in agreement or would consider doing such a committee, I'll be the first in line to sign up as one of the citizens to participate in that. I'll volunteer my time, energy, and resources to assist. So I really look forward to hearing the answers to my two questions and really seeing the commission take action toward this independent study."

John Hodgson, 895 Bethel Church Road, Rome; "Good evening commissioners. My name is John Hodgson. I live at 895 Bethel Church Road. It's funny you mention raising taxes and everyone wants to come out, isn't it? If she's going to be first in line, I'd like to be second in line for the DOGE oversight committee. But from a financial standpoint, my

dad taught me two things. Live within your means and if you can't pay cash for it, you shouldn't be buying it except for a house or a vehicle. It sounds to me like Floyd County needs to become more fiscally responsible. When prices go up, we don't get the benefit of walking into our boss's office and asking for a 12% raise. We have to make sacrifices and cut things at home. Whether that's going out to eat, buying sodas, the cable bill, you know whatever that may be. We just have to make cuts to get by. Not ask for more money. If you guys do need more money, taking it out of the pockets of citizens isn't the answer this time. You guys need to make some cuts. I know that it's been mentioned before, but I find it extremely hard to believe that there aren't areas or programs where you could make cuts to become more fiscally balanced and responsible. For starters, salaries. How is it that Mr. Glen White, the school superintendent, makes \$250,000? Brian Kemp makes 180. Shoot, hire me. I'll save you a hundred grand right off the top. How about this agricultural fairground that's getting put up by Rural King? We don't need that. We have people that can't even stay in their homes that are fighting to stay in their homes. The last thing we need is this agricultural thing that is getting funded. Either way, all I'm saying is we need to go back to the drawing board here and find places to make cuts and cutting out instead of cutting it out of our pockets again. You guys are elected and I know you've heard this, at the will of the people. In being that there's no one here in favor of this, I think that the will of the people is pretty clear in this matter. Mr. McCord, I do apologize for asking such a pointed question, but I would like an answer to this if possible. You and Ms. Susie Gass, the finance director of Floyd County, on June 24th, a month and a half ago, published a comprehensive financial statement for 2024 and in the long term outlook, I quote, 'we anticipate that we will be able to handle the current economic forecast with minimal adverse impacts locally'. Raising taxes is not a minimal impact. So, within the last month and a half, I would just like some clarity on what has changed from that statement until now. So I appreciate it. Thank you."

Chair Watters closed the public hearing. The commissioners and Mr. McCord then addressed various questions that were brought up during the public hearing.

Chair Watters called the regular meeting to order at 6:58 pm.

III) INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO FLAG -- Chair Watters

IV) APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mike Burnes made a motion to approve the agenda with the deferral of consent item #4 and new business #7, seconded by David Thornton. The motion carried 5-0.

V) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

V.1) Adopt Minutes of Caucus, Executive Session and Regular Meeting of July 22, 2025 and Joint Commission Meeting of August 5, 2025 and Special Called Meeting of August 5, 2025.

The minutes were approved by common consent.

VI) SPECIAL RECOGNITION

VII) PROCLAMATION

VIII) <u>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION REGARDING MATTERS ON THE</u> AGENDA

Shane Cowan, 36 Mountain Chase Road, Rome; Addressed the commission regarding lowering the millage rate.

Freddie Stewart, 374 Kerce Road, Kingston; Addressed the commission in support of HB581.

John Hodgson, 895 Bethel Church Road, Rome; Addressed the commission in support of HB581.

IX) FIRST READING

Mr. Wood presented the six planning items for first reading.

IX.1) File Z25-06-02, for the property at 3940 Morton Bend Rd. and o Morton Bend Rd., Rome, GA 30161, Floyd County Tax Parcels D15033 and D15032B, requests to rezone from Agricultural Residential (A-R) to Heavy Industrial (H-I).

Staff recommended approval with the following conditions: (1) that the following uses be excluded: junkyards, inert or solid waste landfills, distribution or manufacturing facilities (2) that the 200-foot undisturbed buffer of adjacent residentially zoned properties remain in effect to mitigate adverse effects on adjacent residential properties (3) a 100-foot front setback be implemented which is consistent with the front setback along major roads (4) that dark-sky lighting be incorporated when night-time outdoor training exercises are not being conducted. Exterior illumination shall be shielded, downcast and of a luminosity designed to maintain the existing night sky darkness and to prevent light trespass onto adjacent properties. In order to obtain this objective, the following criteria shall be met (a) all fixtures shall be full cut-off or reduced brightness type fixtures during times of inactivity (b) maximum foot-candles at the property line shall be 0.5.

Planning Commission recommended approval with the staff conditions listed above by a vote of 8-o.

IX.2) File Z25-06-03, for the property at 3940 Morton Bend Rd., Rome, GA 30161, Floyd County Tax Parcel D15032, requests to rezone from Agricultural Residential (A-R) to Heavy Industrial (H-I).

Staff recommended approval with the following conditions: (1) that the following uses be excluded: junkyards, inert or solid waste landfills, distribution or manufacturing facilities (2) that the 200-foot undisturbed buffer of adjacent residentially zoned properties remain in effect to mitigate adverse effects on adjacent residential properties (3) a 100-foot front setback be implemented which is consistent with the front setback along major roads (4) that dark-sky lighting be incorporated when night-time outdoor training exercises are not being conducted. Exterior illumination shall be shielded, downcast and of a luminosity designed to maintain the existing night sky darkness and to prevent light trespass onto adjacent properties. In order to obtain this objective, the following criteria shall be met (a) all fixtures shall be full cut-off or reduced brightness type fixtures during times of inactivity (b) maximum foot-candles at the property line shall be 0.5.

Planning Commission recommended approval with the staff conditions listed above by a vote of 8-o.

IX.3) File SUP25-08-03, for the property at 1865 Morton Bend Rd., Rome, GA 30161, Floyd County Tax Parcel C15030B2, being zoned Agricultural Residential (A-R), requests a Special Use Permit for a Luxury Glamping and Peaceful Wellness Retreat.

Staff recommended denial. Should the commission choose to approve, staff recommends conditions including: (1) a limit on the number of campsites and/or an increased setback given the commercial nature of the operation (2) limiting the type of camping to prevent it from becoming an RV park, or other form of camping.

Planning Commission recommended denial without prejudice by a vote of 8-o.

IX.4) File SUP25-04-04, for the property at 3360 Huffaker Rd., Rome, GA 30165, Floyd County Tax Parcel E12024A, being zoned Agricultural Residential (A-R), requests a Special Use Permit for a special event venue.

Staff recommended approval on the following conditions: (1) that the events be limited to private events, including but not limited to private, invitation-only events, including weddings, birthdays, engagements, etc. while prohibiting public events concerts, festivals and other public events which require purchasing tickets, paying cover charges, etc. (2) that the principal use of the property be residential and that the venue will be an accessory use, (3) that the applicant maintains a natural buffer with tree canopy to shield surrounding properties, (4) that the SUP will become void if not progress is made upon establishing the proposed use within 365 calendar days after issuance, or if the proposed use ceases to exist for more than 365 calendar days once established.

Planning Commission recommended approval with the staff conditions listed above by a vote of 8-o.

IX.5) File Z25-08-04, for the property at 0 Wayside Rd. (1644 Wayside Rd. as listed on the Parcel Viewer), Rome, GA 30161, Floyd County Tax Parcel L12Z014, requests to rezone from Community Commercial (C-C) to Agricultural Residential (A-R).

Staff recommended approval.

Planning Commission recommended approval by a vote of 7-0. Love had left the room and was not present for the vote, his vote was marked as abstained.

IX.6) Z/SUP25-08-01, for the property at 39 Lindsey Rd. (3625 Martha Berry Hwy. and 3669 Martha Berry Hwy. as listed on the Parcel Viewer), Rome, GA 30165, Floyd County Tax Parcels J11Y259 and J11Y260, requests to rezone from Duplex Residential (D-R) to Suburban Residential (S-R) and requests a Special Use Permit for a manufactured home.

Staff recommended approval of the rezoning and approval on the Special Use Permit for the manufactured home on the condition that the proposed home faces the public right-of-way like the site-built homes already located within the neighborhood to maintain cohesiveness. Planning Commission recommended approval with the staff conditions listed above by a vote of 8-o.

X) SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING

XI) RESOLUTIONS

XI.1) Adopt a resolution setting the 2025 Millage Rate for Floyd County Government M&O, Fire Protection, and Solid Waste.

Mr. McCord presented the resolution and the proposed millage rate.

Rhonda Wallace made a motion to approve, seconded by Scotty Hancock. The motion carried 4-1 with David Thornton voting no.

XI.2) Adopt a resolution providing for the 2025 Street Light Assessment

Mr. McCord presented the resolution to the commission.

Scotty Hancock made a motion to approve, seconded by Rhonda Wallace. The motion carried 5-0.

XI.3) Consider resolution to adopt Intergovernmental Agreement for the imposition of the Floating Homestead Local Option Sales Tax (FLOST) with the City of Rome.

Mr. McCord presented the resolution to the commission.

David Thornton made a motion to approve pending final legal review., seconded by Mike Burnes. The motion carried 5-o.

XII) CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

- XII.1) <u>Appoint a Commissioner to serve as the Floyd County Commission voting delegate to the ACCG 2025 Legislative Leadership Conference.</u>
 - Rhonda Wallace made a motion to approve, seconded by David Thornton. The motion carried 5-0.
- XII.2) <u>Consider appointing Caroline Aultman to the Northwest Georgia Regional Commission. This will be her first term and will expire on September 8, 2026.</u>
 - David Thornton made a motion to approve, seconded by Scotty Hancock. The motion carried 5-0.
- XII.3) <u>Consider appointing Ciara McKnight to the DFCS Board. This will be her first term and will expire on June 30, 2030.</u>
 - Scotty Hancock made a motion to approve, seconded by Rhonda Wallace. The motion carried 5-0.
- XII.4) <u>Consider appointing Luke Martin to the Alcohol Control Commission.</u>
 <u>This will be his first term and will expire on August 31, 2029.</u>
 - Rhonda Wallace made a motion to approve, seconded by Mike Burnes. The motion carried 5-0.
- XII.5) Consider appointing Keara Leonard to the Rome-Floyd Parks and Recreation Authority to fill an unexpired term. This term will expire on June 30, 2028.

Mike Burnes made a motion to approve, seconded by David Thornton. The motion carried 5-o.

XIII) COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

- XIII.1) Public Safety Committee a. Next Meeting, Thursday, August 21, 10:00 AM, 2025
- XIII.2)Administrative Services Committee a. Next Meeting, Thursday, September 25, 10:00 AM, 2025
- XIII.3) Elected Officials Committee a. Next Meeting, TBD
- XIII.4) Public Utilities & Transportation Committee a. Regular Meeting, Wednesday, August 20, 8:00 AM, 2025
- XIII.5) Special Committee Reports a. Fire Overview Committee

Next Meeting, Tuesday, September 9, 10:30 AM, 202

b. Joint Services Committee

Next Meeting, Tuesday, October 7, 9:00 AM, 2025

c. Rome-Floyd Planning Commission

Next Meeting, Thursday, September 4, 2:30 PM, 2025

d. Joint Development Oversight Committee

Next Meeting, Tuesday, November 4, 10:00 AM, 2025

e. Joint Solid Waste Commission

Next Meeting, Tuesday, October 28, 8:30 AM, 2025

f. Transportation Policy Committee

Next Meeting, Wednesday, September 17, 10:00 AM, 2025

g. Airport Commission

Next Meeting, Wednesday, September 17, 4:00 PM, 2025

h. SPLOST Project Overview Committee

Next Meeting, TBD, 2025

i. RFPR Advisory Committee

Next Meeting, Tuesday, August 19, 12:00 PM, 2025

j. Floyd County Library Board

Next Meeting, Thursday, August 21, 4:00 PM, 2025

XIV) MANAGER'S REPORT

XV) ATTORNEY'S REPORT

XVI) CONSENT AGENDA

Ms. Chumbler reported that the Consent Agenda was in order with the deferral of item #4.

Rhonda Wallace made a motion to approve, seconded by Mike Burnes. The motion carried 5-0.

- XVI.1) Consider request from Sheriff's Office to upgrade current Eagle Live Scan setups to replace current ones at the Floyd County Jail using ICS technology funds. This will require an increase to the equipment budget for the Sheriff's Office for \$5,355.
- XVI.2) Consider request from Airport to secure a location for a corporate hangar for the headquarters of Painted Skies Aviation, a company for flight instruction.
- XVI.3) Consider request from Purchasing to approve a contract between Thomson Reuters and the Magistrate Court for (1) West Proflex, (3) CoCounsel V2 900 Enterprise access Government and (3) Westlaw Multi-State Analytical Enterprise access for Government Software Licenses access. This will replace Lexis Nexis and will be charged to Law Library, account number 210615-51200. This will require a budget increase for this account in the amount of \$1,275.
- XVI.4) Consider request from Police Department to purchase nineteen (19) bullet resistant vests from Hard Time Products in the amount of

\$20,505 using funds from the Traffic Fines Expense account. This will require a budget increase of \$20,505 to Traffic Fines Expense account number 100454-58808. -- DEFERRED

XVII) OLD BUSINESS

XVIII) NEW BUSINESS

XVIII.1)Consider request from County Clerk's Office to approve change of ownership for beer and wine - consumption off premises and self - service fuel licenses to Ashwin Patel for Divyanshi, LLC dba Express Mart located at 3129 Maple Road. All fees and signatures have been obtained.

Mr. McCord presented the request to the commission.

Mike Burnes made a motion to approve, seconded by Rhonda Wallace. The motion carried 4-1 with David Thornton voting no.

XVIII.2)Consider request from County Clerk's Office to approve change of ownership for beer and wine - consumption off premises and self - service fuel licenses to Sagar Roy for Rockmart Green Inc dba Rockmart Quick Stop 4970 Rockmart Road. All fees and signatures have been obtained.

Mr. McCord presented the request to the commission.

Mike Burnes made a motion to approve, seconded by Scotty Hancock. The motion carried 4-1 with David Thornton voting no.

XVIII.3)Consider request to approve a contract with Ahlberg Engineering for providing soil borings and analysis for Ag Center project in the amount of \$15,770 using funds from GL Account 319639-66120-60000. No adjustment to the budget is needed.

Mr. McCord presented the request to the commission.

Rhonda Wallace made a motion to approve, seconded by Scotty Hancock. The motion carried 5-0.

XVIII.4) <u>Consider request from Airport to approve Runway 1/19 Extension</u>
<u>Project Change Order #2. This Change Order includes a decrease in the contract in the amount of \$1,097,730.85.</u>

Mr. McCord presented the request to the commission.

Mike Burnes made a motion to approve, seconded by Rhonda Wallace. The motion carried 5-0.

XVIII.5)Consider request from Airport to approve Runway 1/19 Extension Project Change Order #3 to pave Jones Mill Road. This will be charged to account number 330457-51121 and was included in the 2025 original budget, so no budget change is needed.

Mr. McCord presented the request to the commission.

Rhonda Wallace made a motion to approve, seconded by David Thornton. The motion carried 5-0.

XVIII.6) Consider request from Public Works to add survey and civil design work to the existing architecture contract with Alan Bell for the Public Works Operation and Maintenance Building in the amount of \$34,300.00 using funds from GL Account 319639-66128-60026. There is no change to the budget needed at this time.

Mr. McCord presented the request to the commission.

Rhonda Wallace made a motion to approve, seconded by Scotty Hancock. The motion carried 5-0.

XVIII.7) Consider request from Facilities to approve Law Enforcement Center service proposals from Sizemore Group in the amount of \$462,600 using funds from GL account number 319639 - 66123 - 60016. There is no change to the budget needed at this time. -- DEFERRED

XIX) OTHER BUSINESS

Chair Watters announced that the ribbon cutting for the Chuck O. Sennett Amphitheater would be held at 10:30am the next day.

Chair Watters stated the commission entered into executive session to discuss litigation. No action was taken.

XX) PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

XXI) ADJOURN

With no other business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 pm.